

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir. It is not a fact that a large number of senior Officers, engineers and other employees are being superseded in Bokaro Steel Limited.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Setting up of Regional Kendra of Doordarshan in Haryana

4122. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any regional kendra of th Doordarshan has been set up in Haryana; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether sufficient opportunities are being made available to the local cultural talents for participating in the Doordarshan programmes being telecast from the other nearby kendra; and

(c) if not, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The artists residing in the areas of Haryana nearby to Jalandhar and Delhi are occasionally invited to these Kendras but artists residing in the interior areas of Haryana are generally not invited at either of these Kendras.

(c) The fullfledged TV studio Centre envisaged to be set up at Hissar, when commissioned into service, is expected to

provide opportunities to the local talent of Haryana.

Consumption of Aviation Fuel of Air India and Indian Airlines

4123. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HAN-DIQUE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of expenditure on aviation fuel counts in the total operation expenditure of the Air India and the Indian Airlines; and

(b) whether the fuel cost of these airlines continues to be high as compared to foreign airlines, the cost of which has dropped after the Gulf War?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) During the year 1990-91, the percentage of expenditure on fuel to total operating expenses worked out to 22.4% in Air India and 36.3% in Indian Airlines.

(b) Yes, Sir. The ATF prices in India continue to be high as compared to international prices.

Policy on extra Department Postal System

4124. SHRI E. AHAMED: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposed to formulate new policy guidelines on Extra Department (ED) Postal System; and

(b) If so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer (a) above.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIP.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a)

Proposed new Flights by Air India and Foreign Airlines

4125. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new foreign airline propose to start air services through India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of places which Air India propose to cover in the World during the next years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Air Services Agreement have been initiated in recent past with Uzbekistan, Korea and Vietnam. However, no schedules have so far been filed by their designated carrier.

(b) In the summer schedule for 1992, Air India proposes to operate the existing route network.

Special Area Development Authority

4126. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHIE TINDIVANAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Special Area Development Authority; and

(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCIN-

DIA): (a) and (b). The scheme of Special Tourism Areas envisages constitution of a Special Area Development Authority in each of the areas by the State Governments. However, the details of the scheme have still to be worked out in consultation with different State Governments.

Model Telecom District in Kerala

4127. SHRI P.C. CHACKO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the concept of 'model Telecommunication district' is still being followed by Department of Telecommunications; and

(b) if so, the names of districts in Kerala those declared as model Telecom districts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. There is no concept of model Telecommunication District. However, Telecom. Districts are formed on the basis of Secondary Switching Areas and workload.

(b) There are no model Telecom. Districts. However, there are 10 Telecom. Districts in Kerala Circle, viz., Ernakulam, Trivandrum, Calicut, Quilon, Trichur, Cannanore, Kottayam, Palghat, Alleppey and Pathanamthitta.

Modernisation of Exchanges in Rajasthan

4128. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to develop/modernise the telephone exchanges in Rajasthan during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;